

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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From the Selectmen's Office

Submitted by the Selectmen's Office

Upcoming Meeting Dates and Times

Selectmen: May 4 and 18; June 1, 15 and 29

Planning Board: May 13 and 27; June 10 and 24

Board of Assessors: May 4 and June 1

Conservation Commission: May 11 and June 8

Trustees of the Trust Fund: May 12

Town Hours and Upcoming Holidays

All Town Offices will be closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day (observed).

Meeting dates & times are approximate and subject to change, please plan accordingly.

New Municipal Facility Stickers

Don't forget your municipal facility stickers expired on April 1st. Please bring in your registrations, and/or make, model and LICENSE PLATE information for each vehicle needing a sticker to the Town Offices or the Recycling Center.

If you filed Form PA-7 "Intent to Cut" (timber/wood) on your property between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015 don't forget that your PA-9 "Report of Timber Cut" is due May 15. If you previously filed an extension, then "Report of Timber Cut" is due June 30.

Nottingham Newsletter Update

The newsletter committee was saddened to learn of the passing of Lynda Kells. Lynda was one of the newsletter's longtime volunteers and will be greatly missed.

Send all of your newsletter articles to this e-mail address: nottinghamnewsletter@gmail.com.

Articles should be sent as an attached word document in your email using Times New Roman font size 12.

World War II Remembrance Day

Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

This May, please join us as the Blaisdell Memorial Library and Nottingham Historical Society commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the conclusion of World War II with two very special program events.

On Wednesday, May 13th from 6:30 – 8 p.m., local author Marina Kirsch speaks on the events in her book, "Flight of Remembrance." Against the backdrop of World War II tragedy and devastation in Latvia, Poland and Germany and three decades of European history, Marina's true narrative provides a window into the heart of wartime upheaval through the lives of Rolf Dutzmann and Lilo Wassull—two people fatefully positioned "on the other side." This program promises to offer a unique perspective on the events of World War II.

The following Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m., we are pleased to present Kathy Preston, who was born in 1939 in a small town in Transylvania. Her father was Jewish and her mother was Catholic. At five years old, Kathy escaped the Nazi roundup of Jews in Hungary when a neighbor hid her under the hay in the attic of her barn. Only she and her mother survived.

Before or after Kathy's talk, between 1-4 pm, take time to explore the exhibits we will have on display. Find out how World War II affected Nottingham and the rest of the country and learn about those who served and who died.

Come and see artifacts from the war and wartime, sample foods made during rationing, listen to music from the era, and participate in our recycling program. A detailed schedule will be available closer to the time of this event. Please call Rhoda Capron at 942-8539 if you have any questions.

Both of these programs will be held at the old Town Hall, across from the Blaisdell Memorial Library. Also, please watch for notices at the library regarding a May book discussion that will focus on the war as well.

2015 Nottingham School Kindergarten (and New First Grade Students) Registration

Submitted by Nottingham School

If your child will be five years old by September 30, 2015, and you would like him or her to attend Nottingham School kindergarten, call the school office at 679-5632.

Nottingham children turning six years old by September 30 are required by law to enter first grade in September 2015.

If your child will be attending Nottingham kindergarten or first grade (new students only) next school year, call the school office at 679-5632. From the information you provide to us, preliminary registration packets for entry to kindergarten or first grade for the 2015-2016 school year will be mailed. Contact the school if you wish to receive a registration packet.

Kindergarten screenings for incoming 2015-2016 kindergarten students will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. Details of the screening have not been finalized.

2015 Science Fair Success

Submitted by Nottingham School

"Can I check what type of fingerprint you have?" "Do you know how much sugar is in your drink?" "Do you listen to music when you study or work?" These questions and many more filled the Nottingham School gymnasium during the Science Fair on Friday, March 20. It was a huge success because of the hard work of the volunteers, judges, parents, and participants! There were over 125 students from grades K-8 that researched, designed, and created projects and displays for the event. All participants stood with pride by their project at some point during the school day as classes, teachers, and staff walked through and asked questions about the projects.

Later in the afternoon, the Science Fair projects were "evaluated" by 34 volunteer judges. Students in grades K-2 received written comments from the judges, whereas the students in grades 3-8 received written comments after being interviewed by a judge team of up to 6 judges. After conferring with each other, the judges then determined 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each grade 3-8. Each Science Fair entrant was awarded a rosette and a certificate for participating in the event. Place winners in grades 3-8 also received trophies. The judges were pleasantly surprised and amazed at the quality of the projects in all grades. Here is the list of winners with the project titles:

Third Grade

1st place: "Do Dogs Have a Paw Preference" by Reed Lyle
2nd place: "How Frogs Hibernate" by Nora Rowe
3rd place: "Fruit and Veggie Power" by John Zhang
Honorable Mention: Jayden Porter, Aubrey Weygant

Fourth Grade

1st place: "Growing Plants In Bottles: Creating A Greenhouse Effect" by Sierra McGahey
2nd place: "Glue Strength" by Freddy Schaaff IV
3rd place: (tie) "Gummy Bear Growth" by partners Hannah Rose and Lily Silvester and "What Keeps You Warm? Insulation" by Brady Marston
Honorable Mention: Willis Martin, Sam Howe, partners Lindsey Shanley and Ella Roden


Fifth Grade

1st place: (tie) "Stroop Effect" by Nick Principato and "Apollo—Genetically Perfect" by Lars Grotenhuis
2nd place: "Is Black Really Black?" by partners Laney Arcieri-Rowe and Ruby Salter
3rd place: "Northern Lights" by Elina Daniel

Sixth Grade

1st place: "Five Seconds to Eat or Not Eat" by Isabel Myers
2nd place: "Do Video Games Make You Happy?" by Ben Snow
3rd place: "Negative After Imaging" by Hogan Cain

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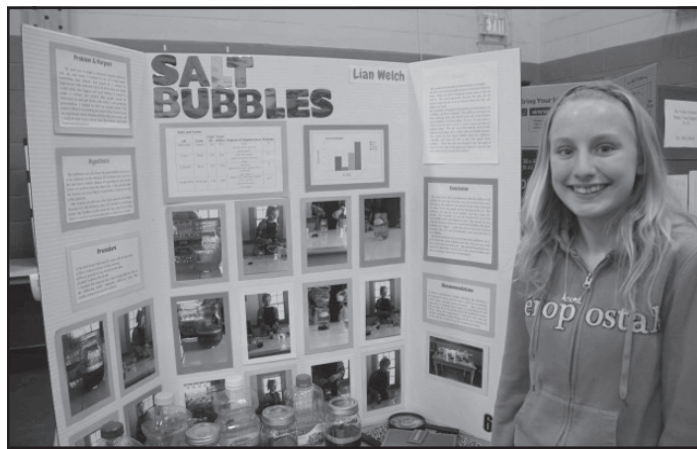
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Seventh and Eighth Grade—combined for judging

1st place 7th grade: "The Emerald Experiment" by Lauren Best
 1st place 8th grade: "Microbial Fuel Cells" by Colby H. and Zach A.; 2nd place: "Learning: What's Your Style?" by Lily Marston; 3rd place: "Forensics: Determining Time of Death" by Alice Ewing; Honorable Mention: Brenden Curry, partners Michaela Power and Dominic Barbarito

Thank you again to all the volunteer judges for supplying the participants with some great comments and advice. Thank you also to the parents and community members who supported these students by attending the evening Public Exhibit and Awards Ceremony. Thanks to our



Nottingham Schnool Science Fair participant Lian Welch

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And lastly, thank you to the Science Fair Committee and other volunteers who helped make the event a success. If you, as a parent or a community member, have any feedback or criticism to help improve the Fair in future years or would like to be involved in some way, e-mail Ellen Lapiejko at elapiejko@nottingham.k12.nh.us. We are very proud of these Nottingham Science Fair participants and hope that more students will be encouraged to participate in a future Science Fair.

Nottingham Farmers' Market Opening May 17

Submitted by Brieghan Gardner

The Nottingham Farmers' Market's opening day this year will be Sunday, May 17. The market will run from 1 to 4 p.m. every Sunday through October in front of the Blaisdell Memorial Library on Route 152. The market will offer a variety of local vegetables, fruit, eggs, meat, poultry, honey, maple syrup, baked goods, plants, cut flowers, and more.

Our opening day market will also feature live music. Mark your calendar for May 17 and come support local agriculture and community-based food. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nottinghamfarmersmarket for regular updates on products available at the market this season. We will post a complete list of vendors who will attend the May 17 market as the date approaches.

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~Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Planning Board News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

The Planning Board is very grateful to outgoing member and Chairman Arthur Stockus, who brought his great depth of experience, dedication, and exemplary leadership skills to the table for the past six years.

The Board is seeking Alternates. If you are interested, please contact JoAnna Arendarczyk, Land Use Clerk, at 697-9597, ext. 1. The Planning Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex. Meetings are televised on the local access channel and the public is always welcome.

Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist

Submitted by Karyl Martin

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. Services on Sundays at 10 a.m. will continue through the end of June, and then resume at the beginning of September after the summer break. Sunday School will be offered for children ages 4-13 on May 3 and 17, and June 21. For more information, please visit our website at www.nottinghamuu.com.

We have two concerts remaining in our spring concert series. All proceeds benefit the church's Historic Building Fund. Tickets are \$15 reserved, \$18 at the door, and free for children 12 and under. Reservations are recommended because seating is limited.

On Sunday, May 3 at 4 p.m. Joyce Andersen, critically-acclaimed fiddler, returns to our stage for an all-acoustic concert. The New Hampshire native now lives with her family in York, Maine, after living and touring out of Boston, Nashville and New York. Joyce is distinguished by her versatility as a vocalist and fiddler, and as one who thrives on writing and interpreting songs and tunes across many genres. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Reverend Ben Fowler at revbenfowler@gmail.com.

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Recreation Department News

Submitted by Janet Horvath

Line Dancing classes are on Monday nights at the Old Town Hall. The 6 p.m. class is for beginners or the 7 p.m. class is for intermediate, or go to both! Martial Arts classes are on Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center for ages 5+. Classes for newcomers are 5:30-6:15 p.m. Toddler Gym is on Mondays this school year. Come from 9:45-10:45 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

There is a resident looking for a group to play bridge. If you are interested call the Recreation Office at 679-3435 to see if we can get a group together.

Check out the adult pickup sports that happen year-round through Nottingham Recreation. Adult kickball is starting soon in May. The Bettys enjoy their own version of women's basketball year round. And there is adult flag football in the spring and in the fall dependent on available field space. Pickle ball is coming soon!

The annual Fishing Derby for kids to age 15 will be held on Saturday, May 16. Kids will fish from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the North River by the Community Center. Everyone must pre-register by May 11. Forms are available online. Thanks to Epping Electric, snacks will be provided.

Summer camp is starting at the end of June and the summer concert series will feature four groups including the much loved Aoife Clancy. Check online or with the staff for more details.

Ready Rides provides rides for seniors and the disabled so they can get to their medical appointments. If you are 55 or older or are disabled and are in need of rides to your medical appointments, call 244-8719 for more information. They are always in need of additional drivers so please call to sign up.

If you want to know what is going on in the Recreation Department, sign up for the Recreation newsletter. Send us an email at recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov and ask to be added to the list.

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Pawtuckaway Piecer's Quilt Guild

Submitted by Karen Delisle

We have been busy, as the yearly raffle quilt construction is well under way. The excess blocks will enable us to make a second, slightly smaller throw quilt as a second prize! The quilts will be raffled at this year's Nottingham Day in September, don't miss buying your raffle ticket!

The Saturday Open Sew group for guild members, which is a wonderful time to chat, sew and get help from others, has been well attended. This is a great time to work on the raffle quilt, UFO's (unfinished projects), get help on tricky instructions or just chat away about this and that.

The date has been set for our yearly quilting retreat in Kennebunk, Maine! The dates are November 19 to 22 and a fun time should be had by all.

The Pawtuckaway Piecer's Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of the month 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Blaisdell Library. We currently have room for new members, with all levels of ability welcomed. Come by and check us out!

Nottingham Women's Club

Submitted by Tracy Black

The Nottingham Women's Club is picking up momentum. We invite interested ladies to come see what we're all about. The club began in 1948, at which time its constitution called for a focus on social services, civic activities and fellowship with other women. Today the Women's Club remains true to those incentives. We continue carrying on with those ideals by helping both our community and ourselves live better and more fulfilling lives.

We meet on the first Monday of every month, at the Blaisdell Library at 6:30 p.m. Our next meetings will be on May 4 and June 1. We are open to new members, and welcome your ideas and participation. If Mondays are not a good day, we have sub-committees that meet on

other days, when it is convenient for the smaller group. Check out our Facebook page (Nottingham Women's Club) to see if there is a committee you would like to join or maybe volunteer to chair a committee that has yet to be established.

Through continued hard work and careful investments, we have been able to provide worthwhile scholarships to deserving students in Nottingham. We have two scholarships of \$1,000 each that will be awarded in June. If you are a Nottingham high school senior (or equivalent), college undergraduate, or post graduate and would like to apply, please download the application from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation at: www.nhcf.org and return the completed application by May 11 to Nottingham Women's Club, PO Box 153, Nottingham, NH 03290. Notification of awards will be made within four weeks of the application deadline.

Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association (PLIA) News

Submitted by Tom Duffy

On May 7 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall, the NH DES will be providing their semi-annual report to the PLIA regarding the Partnership Agreement with the Association. They will discuss water levels, winter drawdown, dock security, winter water testing, and other information as part of the Lamprey River plan. Everyone is invited to attend to learn more.

The PLIA Annual Meeting is June 13 at 9 a.m. at the Nottingham School. The ratification of the 2015 board of Directors and Officers will be approved. Discussion groups will be organized to discuss lake issues and preservation tools that are important. The Lake Host program will be presented. Our volunteers had 6 "saves" last year, preventing exotic weeds from contaminating the lake! Be sure to visit the new web site, www.Pawtuckawaylake.com, when it is up on May 1.

Questions? Contact Tom Duffy, president, at tom.duffy@verani.com.



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Spring into the Library!

Submitted by Eric Stern

Spring has at last sprung in Nottingham, and in this season of change, it is perhaps fitting that the library is experiencing its fair share once again. I begin today by honoring one of the Blaisdell Memorial Library's longest tenured employees in its long history. Assistant Librarian Pat Vachon will be retiring at the beginning of May. Pat has been integral to my transition into the library and the community, and prior to my arrival, she served diligently alongside former director Rhoda Capron for 25+ years. Since I've known her, Pat has been the embodiment of the term "public servant" – giving selflessly to the library at every moment when called upon, and even when not. Her expertise and guidance will be sorely missed, and I hope that everyone who can stops by to visit her sometime prior to May 7 to wish her well. Enjoy your much deserved retirement, Pat!

With the bittersweet news of Pat's retirement comes the fulfilling duty of announcing Pat's replacement. Commencing upon her retirement, long-term library technical services librarian Allison Forte will be elevated to the position of Assistant Director. Allison brings a great deal of experience to her new role, having served at libraries in Amesbury, North Andover and Wilmington Massachusetts, and in her position at the Blaisdell

Memorial Library for the past seven years. Library patrons can look forward to seeing a lot more of Allison in the years ahead, so when you're in, feel free to congratulate her on the new position! We're very happy to have you here, Allison!

Programming

On Wednesday May 13 from 6:30-8 p.m., the Blaisdell Memorial Library and Nottingham Historical Society present a special program commemorating the 70th Anniversary of VE Day: local author Marina Kirsch speaks on the events in her book, "Flight of Remembrance."

For children, Miss Amy has many exciting things planned for May and beyond. A quick preview follows:

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-7:15 p.m., PJ Story hour; Wednesday, May 13, 2-p.m., Craft Day; Wednesday, May 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Book Munchers book discussion group for grades 2-4; Sunday, May 24, 1-4 p.m., Lego Day.

Information about the Summer Reading Program will be available in early June so check the library website for sign-up dates. Miss Amy has lots of fun entertainment planned for this year's hero theme, including a visit from the Museum of Science, The Little Red Wagon Theater Company, and K-9 Search and Rescue!

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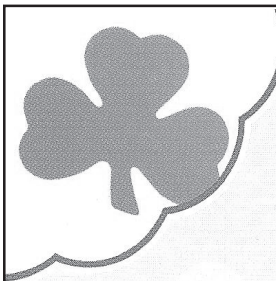
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As always, folks interested in learning about the library's goings-on can check the calendar on the library website, or look for regular updates on Facebook.

The Teen Advisory Group has been hosting monthly matinee movie events at the library since February and hopes to continue this through the summer and beyond. Anyone in grade 6 and up who would like to be notified of our matinee movies, or other Teen Advisory Group events at the library, please feel free to email me (Eric) at blaisdellml@comcast.net.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library will be hosting the first of their 2015 book sales on Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9. The Friday portion of the sale runs from 5:30-7 p.m., at the Blaisdell Memorial Library, and is for Nottingham residents only. The Saturday sale is open to all, and runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Anyone interested in donating books for the sale can begin delivering them to the library at the end of April, during the library's operating hours.

Online Databases

Last but not least, I want to call attention to some fabulous resources available to any library patron who has computer/internet access. Accessible through our

website, <http://nottinghamlibrary.org>, the library offers access to several excellent online databases via the "Digital Resources" tab.

In addition to the New Hampshire Downloadable Books program offered through the New Hampshire State Library for downloading e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines, patrons have access to:

- Ancestry Library – accessible on your computer (or any library computer) within the library, this is the library version of Ancestry.com... truly a gem for genealogical research;
- HeritageQuest – another site for genealogical research which recently upgraded to the Ancestry.com interface and can be accessed at home, 24/7;
- Credo Reference – a soup-to-nuts database of reference books (for practically any type of introductory research) which can be accessed from home;
- Mango Languages – a fantastic online language learning program (that can store your progress) accessible from home;
- NoveList Plus – a database that aims to help you figure out, based on what you like to read, what you may like to read next, also accessible from home; and
- EBSCO Host journals (including Consumer Reports!), accessible from home, 24/7.

Any patron who would like to learn more about using any of these databases, please feel free to call, or stop by and visit. You're not alone when seeking information... we're here to help!

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